

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of the Regular Board of Police Commissioners Meeting Tuesday, December 30, 2003

The regular meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners was held on Tuesday, December 30, 2003, at 3:00 p.m., at Police Headquarters, 1300 Beaubien, Rm. 328-A, Detroit, MI 48226.

(COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

ATTENDANCE

Board Members Present

Willie E. Hampton
Arthur Blackwell, II **(ABS)**
Erminia Ramirez **(ABS)**
Edgar L. Vann, Jr.
Megan Norris **(ABS)**

Department Personnel Present

Chief Ella M. Bully-Cummings
Insp. Walter Martin
Cmdr. Ralph Godbee
Sgt. Debbie Jackson
PO J. Watson
PO Eric Jarmons
PO L. Brent
PO J. Womble
PO Irvette Reed

Board Staff Present

Dante' L. Goss, Exec. Director
Denise R. Hooks, Attorney/Supervising Inv. **(ABS)**
Arnold Sheard, Interim Chief Investigator
E. Lynise Bryant-Weekes, Personnel Director

OTHERS PRESENT

Ms. Walters
Henry Dudzinski

Jack Seamon

RECORDERS

Jerome Adams
Felicia Hardaway

1. CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Hampton called the regular meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners to order at 3:15 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes for Tuesday, December 23, 2003 were tabled until the next full meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners.

3. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

None.

4. SECRETARY'S REPORT – EXEC. DIR. GOSS

Office Closing

The Board of Police Commissioners and the Office of the Chief Investigator will be closed on Wednesday, December 31, 2003 and Thursday, January 1, 2004, in observance of the New Year's holiday.

CITIZEN COMPLAINTS RECEIVED

	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Weekly Count of Complaints:	4	1,317
Weekly Count of Allegations:	4	2,829
Arrest	1	116
Demeanor	1	819

Entry	0	53
Force	0	248
Harassment	0	97
Procedure	2	1,015
Property	0	153
Search	0	104
Service	0	222

Pending Cases

As of December 29, 2003, the Office of the Chief Investigator (OCI) has a total of **708 pending cases**, which include **144 cases** with an age of 0-45 days, **41 cases** with an age of 46-60 days, **92 cases** with an age of 61-90 days, and **70 cases** with an age of 91-120 days, **192 cases** with an age of 121 days – 6 months, **120 cases** with an age of 7-9 months, and **49 cases** with an age of 10-12 Months.

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During the past week:	21	Year to Date:	1,113
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5. REPORT/PRESENTATION – CHIEF OF POLICE

DETROIT POLICE DEPARTMENT

Board of Police Commissioners

The Detroit Police Department's mission is building a safer Detroit through community partnerships. Therefore, the following enforcement actions were conducted during the week of December 24-29, 2003:

ORGANIZED CRIME AND GANG DIVISION

Vice Section – conducted one enforcement action in the following area: Ford Field (Motor City Bowl). The enforcement action resulted in the following confiscations and citations issued:

(24) Ordinances issued for "Offer for Sale Entertainment Tickets in a Restricted Area"

(81) Motor City Bowl Tickets

THIRD PRECINCT

On December 22, 2003, a female complainant was abducted by an unknown subject armed with a box cutter from a bus stop in the area of 17th and Michigan. The subject placed the box cutter against her throat and forced her to another location. A sergeant in the 3rd Precinct heard a woman screaming and went to investigate. Due to his quick response, the subject was arrested and charged with "Criminal Sexual Conduct and Assault With the Intent to Do Great Bodily Harm Less than Murder."

On December 25, 2003, a description was broadcast over the police radio of a vehicle and subjects wanted for a non-fatal shooting. Officers of the 3rd Precinct while on patrol observed a vehicle fitting the description. As a result of their investigation, three subjects were arrested without incident for "Armed With Intent to Commit Murder and Carrying a Concealed Weapon in Motor Vehicle." Additionally, a handgun was recovered and placed on evidence.

TENTH PRECINCT

On December 24, 2003, officers of the 10th Precinct responded to a "Breaking & Entering in Progress" run in the 2000 block of Pasadena. Upon arrival at the location, the officers obtained a description and street name of the subject the complainant observed running from his home. As a result of the officers' investigation, the wanted subject was observed standing on the corner in the area. He was subsequently arrested without incident for "Home Invasion and Parole Violation."

VIOLENT CRIME TASK FORCE & HOMICIDE SECTION

On June 26, 2003, a fatal shooting occurred in the area of W. Warren and Abington. The investigation was turned over to the Homicide Section, Squad Seven. The investigation revealed that the wanted subjects were driving around the City of Detroit committing armed robberies. On December 8, 2003, the Homicide Section requested the assistance of the Violent Crime Task Force (VCTF). The VCTF tracked the subjects by cellular phone and credit card activity, compiled photographs and reviewed surveillance videos. Their investigation resulted in the following three arrests: 1) on December 11, 2003, a wanted subject was arrested and charged with "Receiving and Concealing Stolen Property Over \$20,000 and Felony Murder," 2) on December 19, 2003, a wanted subject was arrested and charged with "Car Jacking," and 3) on December 22, 2003, a wanted subject was arrested and charged with "Felony Murder."

Chief of Police Ella M. Bully-Cummings

6. OTHER BUSINESS

Comm. Vann asked could you give us some information regarding the arrest of an officer that was involved in a pyramid scheme?

Chief Bully-Cummings stated not that I am aware of.

Comm. Vann asked what is your vision for Narcotics Enforcement?

Chief Bully-Cummings since I have been appointed, Narcotics has been increasing the number of drug raids.

Chief Bully-Cummings stated we are still working with other agencies. Recently we pulled back a few of our officers because it was not beneficial to us. Usually, when you are working with the federal agencies they engaged in longtime investigations. So, we had to do an assessment of where we could put our manpower best.

Chairperson Hampton stated the Board of Police Commissioners is planning to have a town hall meeting in February and we would like to see everyone in attendance.

7. ORAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE

Henry Dudzinski voiced his complaint in regards that the findings from his investigation were not sent through the proper channels.

Chief Bully-Cummings asked if her staff could make a copy of it and she would have someone look into it.

Jack Seamon stated if the Mayor's Office, City Council and the Police Department could practice what they preach, we could make a difference.

Ms. Walters stated we should all come together to make a difference in the community.

8. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, January 8, 2004, @ 6:30 p.m.
Greater Emmanuel Institutional Church of God in Christ
19190 Schaefer @ W. 7 Mile Rd.
Detroit, MI 48235

9. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 3:36 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

DANTE' L. GOSS
Executive Director
Board of Police Commissioners

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